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TAGS: OPEC, AU

SUBJ: OPEC: WILL SECRETARY GENERAL KHENE STAY ON?

REF : VIENNA 6448 (NOTAL)

1. ACCORDING TO SEPT 19 STORY IN VIENNA PAPER DIE PRESSE, RUMORS HAVE IT THAT DR. KHENE IS SEEKING AN EXTENSION OF HIS TERM BEYOND END OF 1974 ON GROUNDS THAT HE HAS UNDERTAKEN A REORGANIZATION OF THE SECRETARIAT AND WANTS PERSONALLY TO COMPLETE IT. PROLONGATIONS OF HIS TERM SAID BE SUPPORTED BY IRAN. DIE PRESSE REPORTS FURTHER, HOWEVER, THAT OPEC HEADQUARTES HAS FIRMLY DENIED TRUTH THESE RUMORS STATING THAT KHENE HAS NEVER INTENDED AGREE TO PROLONGATION HIS TERM, ALSO THAT THERE HAS BEEN NO AGREEMENT BETWEEN HIM AND IRAN'S AMUZEGAR THAT KHENE WOULD GIVE PREFERENCE TO IRANIAN NATIONALS IN FILLING OPEC POSITION SHOULD HIS TERM BE EXTENDED.

2. A WESTERN NEWSMAN BASED IN VIENNA TOLD EMBOFF HE BELIEVED THERE WAS NO BASIS TO RUMORS REPORTED BY DIE PRESSE. CORRESPONDENT SAID HE PERSONALLY ASKED DR. KHENE ABOUT THIS AND WAS TOLD KHENE WAS GOING HOME AT END OF YEAR. ANOTHER NEWSMAN REPORTEDLY WAS TOLD BY A NIGERAIN HERE THAT NIGERIA--WHICH IS NEXT IN LINE TO FILL SEC GEN POSITION--WILL HAVE A CANDIDATE READY AND HAS NO INTENTION OF STANDING ASIDE FOR KHENE.

3. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE BEING COPIED ON ANYTHING EMBASSY LAGOS OR OTHER ADDRESSEE POSTS MIGHT LEARN ON THIS SUBJECT.
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